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The bloodletting in the Occupied Palestinian Territory persists as Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations against the Palestinian people. In absolute disregard for the international outcry and in grave breach of international law, the occupying Power continues to order its forces to launch violent military attacks against the Palestinian population in the Northern Gaza Strip area. Scores more of Palestinian civilians, including innocent and defenceless children, continue to be killed, maimed and wounded by the Israeli occupying forces as a result of the continued, deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and lethal force against the civilian population.

Since my last letter to you three days ago, 22 more Palestinians have been killed by the occupying forces. Children are being killed, fathers and sons are being killed, homes are being demolished, and families and lives are being destroyed as the occupying Power continues on its rampage through the Gaza Strip. Just this morning, the Israeli occupying forces killed two 15 year-old Palestinian boys, Ra'ed Ziyad Abu Zeid and Sulieman Al-Abed Abu Fuol, who were walking to their school in Beit Lahiya when hit by tank shelling. The killing of these boys raises the total number of Palestinian children killed by Israel, the occupying Power, in the period of only one week to **26 children**, providing yet further proof of Israel's blatant and cruel disregard for the lives of the civilian population.

Among the many others killed in the past few days have also been two young Palestinian girls. Islam Maher Dweidar, age 16, was killed by a bullet to the head as she baked bread with her mother in the yard of her home in Jabaliya on Monday, 4 October. Her killing was followed by the brutal killing of Iman Samir Al-Hams, aged 13, who was shot to death by the Israeli occupying forces as she walked to school on Tuesday, 5 October, in the Rafah area. The girl, wearing her school uniform and carrying her backpack, was walking to the school with two of her classmates. When shots were fired, Iman tried to run away but was gunned down by the occupying forces. Her body was left on the ground for nearly two hours until the

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occupying forces allowed access to Palestinian rescue workers, who found her body riddled with 20 bullets. In yet another attack, a father and son, Hamdan Baraka Obeid, aged 50, and Hamoudeh Hamdan Baraka Obeid, aged 20, were killed yesterday while they were sleeping in their home when the Israeli occupying forces fired tank shells in the area, which hit their house. Eight other family members, including several small children, ranging in ages from 6 months to 12 years, were also wounded in that attack. These human tragedies are only a few of examples of the dozens of civilian casualties caused by the military attacks that the Israeli Army Chief of Staff, Moshe Yaalon, deems a "success" and declares will continue.

In addition, the occupying Power continues to commit all other illegal practices, including extrajudicial killings, arrests and home demolitions, throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory. In this regard, claiming to be targeting "militants" for death, the Israeli occupying forces fired a missile at a car travelling in the Shati refugee camp near Gaza City on Tuesday, killing two Palestinian men. This was followed by a helicopter missile strike in the Jabaliya refugee camp that killed another three Palestinian men and wounded at least seven other people.

The harrowing images emanating from the Jabaliya refugee camp and the Beit Hanoun area in recent days are graphic illustrations of the horror, suffering and hardship being wrought by the Israeli occupying forces upon the Palestinian people, who, despite the pleas for help, have once again been left at the mercy of the occupying Power and without the protection of international humanitarian law. Official Israeli declarations, including by the Prime Minister himself, that military attacks in the area will continue to be stepped up, promise to inflict yet more grief, devastation and turmoil on the defenceless Palestinian civilian population, hundreds of whom are fleeing their homes in a desperate search for safety.

Undoubtedly, the failure of the Security Council two days ago — due once again to the veto of a permanent member — to demand an immediate cessation of all military operations in the Northern Gaza Strip area and the withdrawal of the occupying forces from the area, has allowed Israel, the occupying Power, to continue to act with impunity, in total disregard for international law, including international humanitarian law, while it continues to pursue its savage military campaign against the Palestinian people. The Council's paralysis and the inaction of the international community can only lead to greater loss of human life and more destruction throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, as Israel continues to believe that it can act without restraint against the Palestinian people under its brutal occupation, never to be held accountable for its grave transgressions of the law.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 204 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 4 October 2004 (A/ES-10/284-S/2004/782) constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations comm itted against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held acco ntable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 22 more Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number

of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,365. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

Annex to the identical letters dated 7 October 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Monday, 4 October 2004, to Thursday, 7 October 2004)

Monday, 4 October 2004

1. Islam Maher Dweidar (16 years old)
2. Luay Ayman Al-Najjar (4 years old)

Tuesday, 5 October 2004

1. Iman Samir Al-Hams (13 years old)
2. Fawaz Mohammed Farhan
3. Ibrahim Tawabkeh
4. Musa Mohammed Hamed Al-Jibari
5. Wafi Salem Eiseleh
6. Abdallah Nadi Dardouneh
7. Saeed Jamal Al-Majdalawi
8. Husam Mohammed Al-Ras
9. Musa Abdelhai Darwish
10. Hassan Abdelhai Darwish

Wednesday, 6 October 2004

1. Hamdan Baraka Obeid
2. Hamoudeh Hamdan Baraka Obeid
3. Abdallah Hussein Yousef Qahman (18 years old)
4. Mohammed Basem Rushdi Radad (17 years old)
5. Rami Muheisen
6. Eyad Sayed Abu Al-Atta
7. Ali Khaled Al-Jarou

Thursday, 7 October 2004

1. Ra'ed Ziyad Abu Zeid (15 years old)
2. Sulieman Al-Abed Abu Fuol (15 years old)
3. Mohammed Touhami Abu Seif (16 years old)

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Israel's Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, has ordered the Israeli occupying forces to continue launching intense military attacks in the northern Gaza Strip area, particularly in the Jabaliya refugee camp. This most recent offensive, which the Security Council has failed to bring an end to, in Israel's ongoing military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, has resulted in widespread death and destruction in the Jabaliya refugee camp and the surrounding areas in the Gaza Strip. At the same time, the Israeli occupying forces continue to kill and wound civilians and destroy property throughout the West Bank on a nearly daily basis. In this regard, at least 21 more Palestinians, including four children, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory have been killed by the occupying forces since my letter to you dated 7 October 2004 (A/ES-10/286-S/2004/801).

In the period since my last letter, the occupying forces have continued to commit extrajudicial killings by launching air missile strikes at Palestinian "militants". These attacks have resulted in the killing and wounding of several Palestinians. In one such attack on Saturday in Jabaliya, the occupying forces fired missiles near a marketplace, striking the intended "targets" and critically wounding at least four other people. Also on Saturday, Israeli tanks and bulldozers raided a residential area east of Rafah and ordered families to leave their homes, which were marked for demolition by the occupying Power. These unlawful actions were followed on Sunday by more air strikes and attacks against the Palestinian population in the northern Gaza Strip area, in which two more Palestinians were killed and more than 23 others injured by the occupying forces.

Such cruel disregard for human life has become a hallmark of Israel's illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular since the onset of the current Israeli military campaign on 28 September 2000. In the past four years, there have been countless incidents of horrifying violence and brutality by the Israeli occupying forces against the

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Palestinian people, including women and children. In this regard, I must draw your attention to one of the most recent such incidents concerning a 13 year-old Palestinian girl, Iman Samir Al-Hams, who was shot to death by the occupying forces, which riddled her body with 20 bullets, as she walked to school with her friends on 5 October 2004 in the Tel Sultan neighbourhood of Rafah. While mention was made of Iman's appalling killing in my letter of 7 October 2004, reports about the incident have brought to light graphic and shocking details of her murder. According to these reports, Iman was shot from an Israeli observation tower in the area by occupying forces that "suspected" she had explosives in her school bag. After she had been shot and was on the ground, the commander of the occupying unit went up to her and fired another two shots at her from close range. Then, according to the reports, and despite the pleas by other soldiers there to stop the shooting, the commander returned to Iman a third time and emptied his magazine of bullets into her dead body. This is but one of the many tragic accounts of the life of a Palestinian child cut short by the lethal, excessive and indiscriminate use of force by the Israeli occupying forces. There were no explosives in Iman's bag; she was an innocent girl trying to live a normal life by going to school each day despite the most abhorrent and abnormal circumstances under Israel's occupation. The perpetrators of this war crime and all other war crimes being committed by the occupying Power against the defenceless Palestinian civilian population must be held accountable.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 205 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 7 October 2004 (A/ES-10/286-S/2004/801) constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 21 more Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,386. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Thursday, 7 October 2004, to Monday, 11 October 2004)

Thursday, 7 October 2004

1. Luay Jamal Hamd (died from wounds sustained on 3 October 2004)
2. Khaled Abdelaziz Abu To'ema
3. Hassan Jouma'a Al-Sharatheh (13 years old, died from wounds sustained on 3 October 2004)

Friday, 8 October 2004

1. Samah Sameeh Nassar (10 years old)
2. Marzouq Mohammed Marzouq Abu Edwan
3. Mohammed Nabil Mutawea' Soboh (17 years old)
4. Yasser Saleh Al-Khateeb (17 years old)
5. Salameh Ismail Abu Sela'eh
6. Saqr Awni Saqr
7. Imad Yehya Badr

Saturday, 9 October 2004

1. Mohammed Yehya Edwan
2. Arafat Fuad Nasser
3. Abdelraouf Hassan Nabhan
4. Amin Mohammed Salem
5. Soufyan Moussa Salem

Sunday, 10 October 2004

1. Maher Mahmoud Zaqout
2. Raed Mohammed Al-Mabhooh

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,386.

Monday, 11 October 2004

1. Yousef Mamdouh Abu Seif (died from wounds sustained on 10 October 2004)
2. Sameh Zamel Al-Waheidy (died from wounds sustained on 10 October 2004)
3. Ahmed Zaki Al-Qarhan Hamad (died from wounds sustained on 10 October 2004)
4. Tamer Mohammed Abu Khamash

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Israel, the occupying Power, continues with its massive onslaught against the Palestinian population in the northern Gaza Strip area. In recent days, the Israeli occupying forces have intensified military attacks in the area, including, in particular, in Beit Lahiya and the Jabiliya refugee camp. For over two weeks now, northern Gaza has been the site of a vicious and barbaric campaign by the Israeli occupying forces with seemingly no limits to the killings, destruction and despair being inflicted on the Palestinian civilian population.

Today, the Israeli occupying forces, continuing the illegal practice of extrajudicial killing and continuing to use excessive and indiscriminate force, killed five more Palestinians in two separate air missile strikes. In an attack on the Jabiliya refugee camp, the occupying forces fired missiles that killed two Palestinian men. A similar attack was carried out by the occupying forces in the Rafah refugee camp in southern Gaza, which resulted in the death of three Palestinians, including a 70-year-old Palestinian man, Ismail Assawalhi. In addition to the killings, the attack wounded more than seven Palestinians, some critically. Moreover, the occupying forces inflicted extensive destruction on the Rafah refugee camp today, demolishing at least 30 more homes and causing even more homelessness in this already devastated camp. The occupying Power today also caused widespread destruction in Beit Lahiya, destroying or damaging about 20 homes, tearing up roads, knocking out electricity and telephone lines, flattening cars and razing acre upon acre of olive and citrus groves.

Regrettably, the occupying Power also continues to wound and kill innocent Palestinian children. Yesterday, 13 October 2004, a 10-year-old Palestinian girl, Ghadeer Jaber Mukhaymer, died after undergoing emergency surgery to save her life. Ghadeer, a fifth grade student, was wounded by a bullet to the stomach a day earlier by the Israeli occupying forces as she sat at her desk during class at a clearly-marked UNRWA school in the Khan Younis refugee camp in Gaza. A similar crime was conveyed to you in our letter dated, 13 September 2004, when Raghda Adnan

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Al-Assar, age 10, was struck in the head by a bullet on 7 September while sitting at her desk in a classroom of another UNRWA school in Khan Younis. Not only are schools supposed to be havens of safety and learning for children, these are United Nations facilities, the protection and safeguarding of which is incumbent upon the occupying Power under both the Charter and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. We implore the United Nations along with the rest of the international community to take a clearer and firmer position in condemnation of such horrific crimes committed against innocent and defenceless Palestinian children by the occupying Power and in condemnation of such ongoing violence and attacks against United Nations institutions and facilities.

After all of this death and destruction inflicted by the Israeli occupying forces, Israeli Prime Minister Sharon is still refusing to terminate or indicate any limit on this military rampage throughout Gaza. Persisting with his policy of reprisals and collective punishment of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, the Prime Minister today declared that the "operations" would continue as long as there are casualties on the Israeli side, despite the fact that for days there have been no such casualties. In the light of such declarations and in light of the vast human and material losses already inflicted by the occupying Power on the Palestinian civilian population, it is imperative for the international community to take the necessary measures to compel Israel to immediately cease its criminal behaviour, cease its military raids and attacks and withdraw its occupying forces in the area.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 206 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 11 October 2004 (A/ES-10/287-S/2004/811) constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 12 more Palestinians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,398. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Wednesday, 13 October 2004, to Thursday, 14 October 2004)

Wednesday, 13 October 2004

1. Khidr Mohamed Al Talooli (died from sustained wounds on 10 October 2004)
2. Ghadeer Jaber Mukhaymer (10 years old) (died from sustained wounds on 12 October 2004)
3. Mohamed Karam Ma'roof
4. Mohamed Said Al Masri
5. Rizq Hasan Al Zeiti
6. Jihad Amin Abu Moussa (died from sustained wounds on 11 October 2004)
7. Jihad Hassan Barhoom (16 years old)

Thursday, 14 October 2004

1. Nidal Harb Maso'ud
2. Mohi Aldin Maher AlMahdoon
3. Ramzi Ismail Abu Shaqfeh
4. Ali Abdel Kerim Shaath Amed Saleh Al Tahrawy
5. Ismail Mohamed Sawelhah

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 3,398.

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In the less than three-week period since 29 September 2004, the Israeli occupying forces have killed at least 150 Palestinians, including women and children, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The overwhelming majority of those killed during this period were killed during the occupying Power's violent and lethal military raids and attacks in the northern Gaza Strip area, particularly in the Jabialiya refugee camp. Using tanks, helicopter gunships and bulldozers, the Israeli occupying forces unleashed excessive and indiscriminate force against the Palestinian civilian population in the area, killing at least 139 Palestinians, including women and children, and injuring at least 500 others, many of them critically. At the same time, during this period, the occupying forces caused widespread and wanton destruction in the area, demolishing at least 80 Palestinian homes and causing damage to dozens of other homes and destroying other properties, including agricultural land and orchards, and vital infrastructure.

While there have been reports that Israel, the occupying Power, has ended its military "operations" in the northern Gaza Strip, recent statements by the Israeli Defence Minister, Mr. Shaul Mofaz, and the ongoing actions of the Israeli occupying forces are to the contrary. Although it was announced late Friday that the occupying Power intended to withdraw its forces from the area, the Israeli occupying forces have continued to carry out attacks and to kill Palestinians, including by means of extrajudicial execution. Since Friday, at least 10 Palestinians have been killed by the occupying forces. In addition, Mr. Mofaz has stated that Israel has actually not halted its military campaign in the northern Gaza Strip, that it is continuing to take "special measures" and that forces should be ready for an immediate re-entry into the areas.

In the absence of a clear and strong position by the international community demanding an immediate cessation of Israel's military attacks against the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation, such statements by Mr. Mofaz, as well as the continuation of Israel's military rampage against the Palestinian people in the

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Gaza Strip and throughout the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, are regrettably to be expected. The Security Council's responsibility for the continuing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, is unquestionable. The Council's failure to uphold its main responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security with regard to its handling of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is glaring and cannot be overlooked. At the same time, it is impossible to overlook or ignore the high number of Palestinians killed, including many children, since the Council met and vetoed the draft resolution on this issue. The Council's failure in this regard is a serious matter that must be addressed. The Security Council's credibility and authority, as well as the safety, well-being and survival of the Palestinian people and the chances for peace in the Middle East, are at stake.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 207 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 14 October 2004 (A/ES-10/288-S/2004/816) constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

Accordingly, in follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my regret to inform you that, since my last letter to you, at least 10 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 3,408. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Friday, 15 October 2004, to Monday, 18 October 2004)

Friday, 15 October 2004

1. Amin Khalil Masoud
2. Ra'ed Khalil Abu Seif
3. Wa'el Mohammed Moussa Saleh
4. Fatima Asaleiyeh

Saturday, 16 October 2004

Mohammed Mansour Rizq Al Aleh

Monday, 18 October 2004

1. Mahomoud Al-Sheikh Khalil (died from wounds sustained on 10 October 2004)
2. Sa'di Abu Al Eish
3. Mohammed Ashoor
4. Abdelsattar Suliman Al Ja'fary
5. Abdelaziz Najah Al-Jazzar

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